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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0438

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SUBJECT: DRAKE KOKA CONFIRMED AS A BPC ORGANIZER IN GABORONE

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH SOURCES IN JOHANNESBURG AND GABORONE
CONFIRM FORMER BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION (BPC) AND BLACK
ALLIED TRADE UNION FOUNDER DRAKE KOKA HAS BEEN ACTIVE
ORGANIZER AMONG REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA. KOKA FORCED TO FLEE
SOUTH AFRICA 1975 UNDER SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT (NO
DETAILS OR SPECIFICS AVAILABLE). HE APPARENTLY HAS OPER-
ATED SINCE THEN OUT OF GABORONE ALTHOUGH WITH OCCASIONAL
TRIPS OUT OF COUNTRY. AT PRESENT, HE IS REPORTED TO BE
"SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE", VARIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS UK, NETHER-
LAND, FRG. HE WAS ALLEGEDLY DENIED VISA TO VISIT
UK AND HIS TRIP TO FRG WAS LIMITED TO 48 HOURS.

2. KOKA, ON THE SURFACE APPEARS AS LIAISON BETWEEN
REFUGEE STUDENTS AND BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION (MILI-
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TANT SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK POLITICAL GROUP). HE, ACCORD-
ING TO SSRC REFUGEE STUDENTS IN GABORONE HAS BEEN
SYMPATHETIC TO THEIR CAUSE AND PROMISED SUPPORT, POS-
SIBLY INCLUDING A PROMISE OF FUNDS. HE HAS NO KNOWN
TIE-IN WITH ANC OR PAC IN BOTSWANA. KOKA ACTIVITIES APPARENTLY
SUPPORTED BY SOME OTHER GROUP AS BPC DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE SUB-
STANTIAL FUNDS ITSELF. BOTSWANA POLICE SOURCE BELIEVES

KOKA HAS TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE.

3. REFUGEE NEWSMEN WHO KNOWS KOKA SAYS LATTER INTENDS
RETURNING TO GABORONE BUT UNABLE (OR WILLING) TO SAY
WHEN. DURING KOKA'S ABSENCES FROM BOTSWANA, BPC MEMBER
HERMAN BUTHELEZI IS CONSIDERED GROUP'S LEADER HERE.
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